

To: Kristi Jones  
From: Jeremy Tarr  
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Subject: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Stakeholder Meetings

The following groups and individuals have met with the Governor's Office and/or submitted letters to

Organization	Individual	Notes
Sierra Club	Molly Diggins (State Director), Cassie Gavin (Gov. Affairs)	
NC Warn	Jim Warren (Executive Director) John Runkle (Attorney)	Against fracking, the transport of fracked gas, and power generation from fracked gas.
NAACP	Rev. Barber	Partner with NC WARN opposing fracking, natural gas pipeline, and natural gas power plants in NC.
SELC	Brooks Rainey-Pearson	
Alliance to Protect Our People and Places We Live (APPPL)	Kay Reibold (Policy Advocate)	Works with Nash County residents
--	Cyna Woodard (ASU student)	
Clean Water for North Carolina	Hope Taylor (Executive Director), Ericka Faircloth (Justice Organizer, Lumbee Tribe member)	
Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League	Therese Vick (Organizer)	
NC Environmental Justice Network	Naeema Muhammed (Organizing Director)	
Concerned Citizens of Northampton County	Belinda Joyner (President)	
Rachel Carson Council	Bob Musil (President & CEO)	
Frack-free NC Alliance	Hope Taylor	19 orgs against ACP, including Appalachian Voices, Nash Stop the Pipeline, Clean Air Carolina, 350.org Triangle, and various riverkeeper groups.

the Governor expressing their opposition to the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

These groups, in general, oppose the ACP on grounds that it is not needed, would result in negative economic and environmental impacts, and would have disproportionate negative effects on people of color and low-income residents. They raise the following specific concerns:

**Insufficient Demand**—Duke Energy and Dominion have not demonstrated sufficient future natural gas demand to warrant a natural gas pipeline, especially one this large. Electricity BAU demand projections are flat, and demand will decline with additional energy efficiency programs. FERC's assessment of need

is based upon whether there are contracts for future gas supplies, not an overall analysis of projected energy needs.

**Higher Electricity Costs**—Overbuilding pipeline capacity will result in higher electricity rates to pay off the unnecessary ACP. Higher electricity rates are bad for residential, commercial, and industrial customers.

**Undermine Clean Energy**—Constructing natural gas pipeline with excess capacity tips the scales in favor of new natural gas plants compared to new renewable energy projects. Once natural gas capacity is built, there will be an inclination to build new gas-fired power plants to use the capacity, rather than pursue new solar or wind projects.

**Duke Energy ROI**—Building and overbuilding natural gas pipeline capacity is in Duke Energy's interest because it gets ROI on capital projects.

**Air Emissions / Climate Change**—The pipeline and compression station will leak methane and VOCs, which harm public health and accelerate climate change. In addition, locking in this natural gas supply will put a thumb on the scale for new fossil power plants, further contributing to climate change.

**Water Quality / Wetlands**—The ACP could lead to leaking liquids (blasting chemicals, fuels, and natural gas liquids) during and after construction. Leaks can harm well water, water bodies, and wetlands. The ACP route also crosses sensitive waterways. Further, its construction risks sedimentation and erosion into rivers and wetlands.

**Environmental Justice**—The ACP imposes health, environmental, and economic risk on vulnerable populations with a history being subjected to such risks. Seven of the eight counties on the pipeline's path have a higher percentage of people of color than the state average. A disproportionate number of North Carolina's Native American populations live along the ACP route.

**No/Minimal Economic Benefit**—The ACP will create few long-term jobs, and construction jobs will not necessarily be filled by locals. Further, the transmission pipeline will not provide for affordable natural gas distribution to residents and businesses.

**Noise Pollution**—The compressor station in Northampton County will create constant noise pollution for neighboring residents.

**Public Safety**—In 7 counties along the NC route, there are 24 High Consequence Areas—areas with at least 20 buildings or particularly vulnerable populations (e.g., daycare centers and retirement homes) within a hazardous distance from the pipeline. Also, recent pipeline explosions indicate that the blast zone—distance at which there is a reasonable risk of incineration, injury, or death—should extend 43% further from the pipeline than Dominion assumed, meaning more communities are at risk than previously identified.

**Property Rights**—Property owners object to the use of eminent domain to take away their property in order to support the construction of an unnecessary pipeline.